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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings again to the members of Central States Numismatic Society. Many important things have passed since my last message to you and I want each of you to know what I'm thinking about.

First, the A.N.A. convention, the greatest ever. If you were not able to attend, start planning now to attend next year in Detroit. There is no doubt in my mind, that the **two** leading numismatic events held yearly are our own Central States Convention and the American Numismatic Association convention. Mark what I'm saying, in 1962, the greatest two events **will** be the conventions in Milwaukee, and the A.N.A. in Detroit. Our geographical location is perfect to draw the largest crowds, and we certainly take advantage of such situations. It was good to see so many of CSNS Officers and Governors in Atlanta. We probably could have had an interim meeting, and I even gave it serious consideration, but with the absence of our Secretary, Dr. Epps, and not having planned such a meeting, it would not have been the thing to do.

I attended many meetings in Atlanta and learned many things. First, let's go into the discussion of so many coin shows being held throughout the nation practically every weekend. D. Wayne Johnson has stated his views on

this matter. It was also discussed by many with whom I talked in Atlanta that something will have to be done for the good of the hobby. It's good to have all these shows by the many local clubs, but please consider the dealers whom we invite to these shows. The Professional Numismatists Guild is trying to be fair with all the clubs and wants to please them all, but goodness knows, these men have a business in their own city that demands their attention and cannot possibly attend them all. It has come to my attention that they plan to attend several shows a year and will endorse such shows. Please do not become discouraged if your local show is not backed by this group. A few years back, I was a little dubious about the PNG but now it could not have a stronger supporter than your President. These fellows are a very strong group and try to do what they think is best for the collector. I hate to think what a big convention would be without their support.

Another item of interest was the meeting of the representatives of the many clubs over the United States. The question was asked "What makes a three star numismatist?" That should be an item of interest to all members of Central States. Every collector should belong to a local club, the regional group, and the national group. How many of you can say that you are a "three star numismatist"? I've been stressing this for eighteen months and it was most satisfying to hear this at the national convention.

Perhaps some of you may feel a little guilty about not bringing in that new member to join the regional group. It's not too late to do just that. I'm still trying to have a thousand members on the CSNS books, and we are a little shy of that number. Have you brought in a new member this past year? Ask someone at your next local meeting and see how many new applications you can get. We've tried it several times here in Kansas City and never fail to pick up a few. Stress the fact of being a "three star" numismatist.

I want to thank all of you who worked for me during my campaign for the A.N.A. Board. It was a real exciting thing and I do not intend to give up the effort. I think my first time of running could be looked upon as a successful race; even though defeated, I polled almost two thousand votes. Was very sorry that our good Governor, Leo Terry, did not make it this time. Central States Numismatic Society was well represented with candidates for the national Board and Officers. We can feel proud of the members who were elected. Let's all support them, from President Shroyer on down, and make their terms of office ones to be long remembered. May I offer my congratulations and also, in behalf of CSNS a hearty slap on the back. We are behind you one hundred per cent.

Notice elsewhere in this issue the call for nominations of candidates for Officers and Governors to be elected for our own organization. Please read the particulars and act accordingly. Pay close attention to the new Section Five of the bylaws that was adopted last year. Give every consideration to your nominees. There is a mighty lot of work attached to these offices and we have plenty of good material within our group for such, But—will your nominee be a person who is willing to spend his time working for the organization and one of whom you can feel proud?

Your Officers and Governors will be meeting in Chicago during the Chicago Coin Club's October show. If you have any ideas or suggestions that

you feel is necessary for consideration, please let your state Governor or any Officer hear from you.

Hope this finds all of you well and enjoying the great hobby of numismatics. Until my next note to you, I'm looking forward to seeing you in Milwaukee in 1962. RAY O. LEFMAN, CSNS President

REMARKS BY YOUR SECRETARY

With vacations about over, we must all get back to work, including the Secretary. I hope each member had a grand summer, but right here in Michigan, as I write this, it is still hot.

Officers and Governors will have an interim Board Meeting in Chicago Oct. 14, 1961 at 10:00 A.M., Sherman Hotel.

New Sections one, five and six of Art. III of the bylaws have been published twice now in the CENTINEL. If you don't have a copy at hand, write me. Nominations for Officers and Governors for '62-'64 will be made from November 1 through December 31, 1961, in accordance with Section Five.

There are still many members who have not paid their current '61-'62 dues. Please do so at once because CSNS needs you, and we hope you need CSNS. However, I have no alternative but to drop those members who have not paid by Oct. 31, 1961. This is the saddest part of the Secretary's job.

I had a nice chat with Erwin C. Gerber, General Chairman for 1962, in Hamilton last week as he was heading back for Milwaukee to spend the entire winter whipping our 1962 convention in order—May 4-6, 1962, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee. Remember?—DR. F. S. EPPS, Secretary

HELP WANTED ON WEST INDIES COINS

Collectors having information on the coinage used in the West Indies and Caribbean Islands from 1535 to date are requested to contact Ray Byrne, 701 N. Negley Ave., Pittsburgh 6, Pa. who is planning a new reference work on the subject. Correspondence is especially invited with numismatists resident in the area.

J. HENRI RIPSTRA, CSNS LM 35

J. Henri Ripstra, 80, of Chicago, Ill., died May 4, 1961. One of American numismatics elder statesmen, Mr. Ripstra was A.N.A. Regular Member 939, A.N.A. LM 29, and an Honorary A.N.A. Member; CSNS LM 35; Past President of the American Numismatic Association; founder of the Iowa Numismatic Association; charter member and Past President of the Chicago Coin Club; member of other numismatic groups. Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., February 11, 1881, he was a maker of fine tools and dies, and designed and made many well known commercial emblems as well as artistic medals. Mr. Ripstra was a philatelist as well as a numismatist. An ardent student of Lincoln, he founded the Lincoln Group in Chicago and had an outstanding collection of Lincoln books and other Lincolniana. He is survived by his widow, Anna M.; two sons, Earl F. and H. Irving; One daughter, Ethel Mae; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Following Masonic services, he was buried in Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago.

CURRENCY IN EARLY NEBRASKA

We must now tell you of Nebraska, as it proved to be when we found it in 1860. Some of the principal work of our first legislature was to charter what is known in history as "wild cat" banks. We remember the Platte Valley Bank, of Nebraska City; Nemaha Valley Bank, of Brownville; Florence Bank, of Florence; Western Exchange, of Omaha; Tekama Bank, of Tekama; and the DeSoto Bank, of DeSoto. The bills of these banks, one and all, bore upon their face two precious promises: One was that they were redeemable in currency, and the other was that stock holders were personally liable.

Let us illustrate. You hold a hundred dollars of Platte Valley bills, and you walk into the Platte Valley Bank and say, "Mr. Nuckolls, will you please redeem these bills?" "Certainly, sir," he replies blandly, and throws out to you one hundred dollars in Nemaha Valley bills.

Yes! Yes! That is currency, but you are hardly satisfied, so you go away off down to Brownville, and upon entering the bank you ask the gentlemanly cashier the question. "Will you please, sir, redeem the bills with some money that I can use in the east?" "Certainly, certainly, sir," and he throws down one hundred dollars in crisp, new Platte Valley notes.

"But hold," say you, "I have walked down here from Nebraska City with this money for which I exchanged Platte Valley bills, and I must have something else." "Oh, well, then, I can accommodate you," and he throws out one hundred dollars in Florence money.

The result was then, as it always has been—this almost worthless money superceded all other money. Gold and silver and valuable paper money took their departure; still, money was plenty and speculation was rampant. Paper cities sprung up here, there, everywhere. Thousands of claims had been pre-empted and held by the squatter right. (W. W. Cox, a paper read before the Nebraska State Historical Society, January 11, 1893).

CSNS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

COME ON, LET'S GO! Yes, I mean to the goal our President set for one thousand CSNS members by the time we gather in Milwaukee in the spring of 1962. We have fifteen Officers and Governors. OK! New let's all get out and do our part. Let's each one get twenty members (Now that's not unreasonable or impossible. As proof, last April two members turned in over twenty apiece). So—let's each go after twenty or more and make this one thousand goal by our 1962 convention. All you need is a little salesmanship. How do you know that you cannot sign up a member until you **ask** one? Special emphasis on Governors Miller and Porter, as I'm sure they would like to know that CSNS has reached one thousand members as of our twentieth convention, Milwaukee, Wis., 1962.—RAY M. JANDA, CSNS Second Vice President.

AVIATION MEDAL COLLECTOR

Arthur L. Newman, CSNS No. 1320, of 11 W. 42d St., New York 36, N.Y., would like to hear from anyone having aviation medals for sale. Many of these commemorate heavier-than-air flights and events or honor civilian or military pilots. He wishes to make his collection as representative as possible, as it is intended for ultimate donation to Princeton University.

IT'S MILWAUKEE IN 1962

Welcome back to Milwaukee May 4-6, 1962! This will be the third Central States Numismatic Society convention staged in Milwaukee and, we hope, the best.

As in previous years, it is scheduled for the Pfister Hotel which is noted for its art collection displayed on the first, mezzanine and seventh floors. Nearby are shopping areas and not far to the east is our new (new since you where here) Memorial building housing Milwaukee's art treasures. Here are held many one man, national and international art shows. To the west are the Milwaukee public library and museum. The latter is known for its gun, stamp and coin collections.

Numismatics is an integral part of history, of art, of politics and of archaeology, so much so that even by the latest recruit some of it will be absorbed. And speaking of the arts, we are planning on reviving a feature of our earlier conventions which was no doubt dropped years ago for lack of programming time, namely, the educational discussions so popular whenever numismatists get together.

We are also planning on bringing in some outstanding private collections for special displays. These will be noncompetitive and are famous for their national reputation, their educational purposes and as symbols of what every true collector tries to do.

Competitive exhibits will be awarded medals for the first three places. New awards of a special nature will also spur on the best of displays.

And I mustn't forget. Our is a city of "gemuetlichkeit," i.e., friendship where the guest means everything to us. We are going to try to entertain and keep every type of person coming to the convention busy. So those "coming along for the ride" will not be neglected. Ours is a conservative industrial town where home and friends mean everything.—E. C. GERBER, General Chairman, CSNS 1962 Convention.

FREDERICK G. WIRTHMAN, CSNS 1145

Frederick G. Wirthman, 70, of 422 W. 68th St., Kansas City, Mo., died recently. Born March 4, 1891, he was a Notre Dame graduate, a registered pharmacist in Arkansas and Missouri, and a senior member of the American Chemical Society. Mr. Wirthman operated a drug store until about ten years ago and since then has devoted most of his time to minerals and coins. Admitted to the American Numismatic Association in June, 1941, he became A.N.A. Life Member No. 122 in April, 1946. He is survived by a daughter and three grandchildren for whom he set up the beginning of a fine coin collection.—RMJ

NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN 1962

The date of National Coin Week in 1962 is April 28 to May 6, overlapping the period of the Central States convention. General Chairman is again Dolly-Maude Harris, 401-403 W. Twenty-Sixth St., Austin, Texas.

SMITHSONIAN'S NUMISMATIC EXHIBIT

The Smithsonian Institution's new Hall of Monetary History and Medallic Art opened to the public on Saturday, March 18, 1961, in the Arts and Industries Building.

The main display in the new hall is dedicated to monetary history and illustrates in a sequence of nineteen specially designed cases the major aspects of the development of the units used in economic systems employing money from the beginning of primitive barter to the establishment of our modern monetary systems. The exhibits have been arranged to show the evolution of money as related to a sequence of significant historical events, and thus as an integral part of the cultural development of human society. The development of the various forms of currencies in Colonial North America is traced and especial emphasis is given to the evolution of U.S. coins and paper money.

This new exhibit illustrating monetary history forms an important step in the Smithsonian's long-range program of exhibition modernization. Displays of coins, tokens, and paper currencies have been arranged in their historical and cultural contexts, rather than by conventional classifications. These exhibits are thus intended to give a new dimension to the visual record of history on display at the Smithsonian.

Several topical displays complete the basic monetary history exhibit. The themes of these displays are: "The Origin of Coin Names," "The Reformation." "Confederate Currencies," and "State Bank Notes." A reconstruction of a coin-stamper designed by the renowned Italian artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci—1452-1519—is also on view. It marks the introduction of mechanization in coining techniques.

"The New World" is the title of a special panel, recalling the first coins struck in the Western Hemisphere, in the Mexico City Mint at the beginning of the reign of Charles and Johanna of Spain—1536-56. It is followed by a display of the monetary history of North America which starts with "Barter on the Frontier," an illustration of the trade of the primitive Indians and the hardships of the white man on the advancing frontier, when only a few hundred years ago Dentalium and Mercenaria shells, wampum, skins of animals and many other articles were used in lieu of money.

"Colonial Money, 1607-1754" is an exhibit showing examples of English, Dutch, and French coins brought by the early settlers, and the first coins struck in Massachusetts in 1652 as well as early paper currency issues.

Other displays show paper bills issued by the States and by the Continental Congress, coins of the states struck after the Declaration of Independence, and the organization of the national banks.

"Economic Adjustments, 1812-60" is the title of an exhibit reflecting a period marked by a series of financial crises and the institution of various banking systems intended to guarantee financial stability. The gold discoveries

in Georgia, North Carolina and California resulting in a variety of private gold issues are also featured.

Another is "War and Reconstruction, 1860-73," depicting the different currencies and monetary intermediates, from cardboard money and encased postage stamps to the first U.S. "greenbacks," as well as some of the Confederate issues of this troubled period.

A significant section of the hall is dedicated to the U.S. Mint collection. This exhibit is of unusual importance since it represents the oldest collection of coins owned by the Government. In fact, it had its inception in 1792 at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. That year and during the rest of his career the chief coiner, Adam Eckfeldt, set aside a specimen of each type and date of coin minted. The Mint's collection was increased systematically through purchases made possible by Congress since 1839. This original collection was transferred to the Smithsonian after World War I and is known for the unique or extremely rare pieces it contains. One of its sections is devoted to the pattern or experimental pieces which were made at the mint as early as 1792 and continued until fairly recent years. Many of these designs were never adopted, but they served a useful purpose in helping our coin engravers arrive at designs that would be attractive as well as resistant to wear. The artistic merit of some of these patterns is indeed unusual. Others are notable for their historical import, particularly the $50 gold pieces dated 1877, designed by William Barber, and the so-called metric issues of 1879 and 1880.

The hall features also the world's largest collection of gold coins on public display, given to the Smithsonian by the late Paul A. Straub. It is a "type" collection consisting of 1850 gold coins of Europe and the Americas. Almost 4,000 silver coins of the world complete this series. Remarkable, among others, is the group of oversize multiple talers of the Brunswick duchies issued mainly during the 17th century. A study of the elaborately detailed mining landscapes on some of these coins led to new contributions to the knowledge of early mine-pumping devices.

On view also are outstanding specimens from the Willis H. du Pont donation of Russian coins and medals. It is an authoritative collection paralleled only by that of the Hermitage in Leningrad. The selections are displayed in two cases; one of them illustrates coinages issued between 1700 and 1740 by the Czars Peter the Great, Peter II, and Anna; the other one depicts the life and political aims of Peter the Great as shown on medals.

Another outstanding exhibit is the collection of rare Japanese gold coins presented in 1880 to General Grant, by the Japanese Government, on the occasion when a thoroughbred stallion was given by the General to the Emperor. . . .

The Curator of the Smithsonian's Division of Numismatics, Dr. Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli, reports the total number of coins, medals and paper currencies has nearly doubled since 1957 and amounts today to approximately 120,000 catalogued items, not a few of which are unique. (Reprinted from the **Congressional Record,** March 20, 1961)

Before 1939 there was only one convention to which one could go and see the greatest collection of numismatic material in the world. Yes, I repeat, the world. While there we would listen to experts discuss the many phases of numismatics, to which only the masters have access, and to meet these personalities and talk with them about our individual numismatic interests. One could meet the various dealers we read about in our numismatic journals, and sometimes purchase an evasive coin from them at a very fair price.

But the conventions were of great distance. Many of them were held so far from home that in many cases we spent our savings for travel fare and had nothing left to purchase a coin or two for our collection.

With this in mind, a group of men from the midwest, including a number from our Milwaukee club, gathered and planned an annual meeting not too far from home. We hoped to attract many great numismatists and well known dealers with our annual affair.

The first CSNS meeting was held in Chicago at the Congress Hotel on April 23, 1939. The response was tremendous. It surpassed anything that the founders hoped for.

In 1940 the convention was moved to Burlington, Iowa, and in 1941 was held in Milwaukee. Again in 1954 the convention was held in Milwaukee.

Now, eight years later, in 1962, Milwaukee will again play host to the CSNS twentieth annual convention. We've had some very wonderful times at these conventions and made many lasting friendships.

These conventions, however, don't just happen. It takes a lot of hard work and effort by many men and women to make it what it is. There is no financial gain for these workers—only a sense of gratification in knowing that their part was greatly appreciated.

All previous conventions were huge successes due to the "blood, sweat and tears" shed by the many wonderful people that put them over. The affairs held in Milwaukee were always held in high regard. The "gemuetlichkeit" was strongly felt in that it gave a sense of wellbeing brought on by a host-like affection for the stranger to Milwaukee. It didn't take long for the stranger to become part of the "gang."

Have you ever given thought to becoming a member of the Central States? The dues are only $2 per year which barely covers the expenses incurred by the society. No officer receives any salary except the secretary and that is only $50 as expense reimbursement. In other words, all of the money that comes into the coffers is put to work for the members.

Our Milwaukee club is tightly knitted into the history of the Central States. Hubert Polzer, Richard Yeoman, Lillard Culver and Erv Gerber have served as its president. The coveted Medal of Merit was awarded to the last three named. Many Milwaukee members have served on the Board of Governors at various times. They are James Buchbinder, Harry Collura, Franklyn Miller and Russ Porter. Bob Meder was its Secretary in 1940-41.

Ten members of the Milwaukee club are life members of CSNS. You can see from this that the Milwaukee Numismatic Society is deeply rooted within

CSNS. We expect to add more roots and go deeper by guiding and giving responsibilities to deserving newer members of the Milwaukee club so they may become part of a service heritage.

Now let's plan on becoming important parts in the success of the 1962 convention. We will need men and women to make the '62 affair even greater than our other two, if that is possible. I know it will be. You must remember that you are not working for financial gain or glory, but to render a service to your fellow collectors. Your compensation will come with a feeling of satisfaction in playing some part in a great convention.

I know we will look back with pride in 1963 to the great event we worked so hard to make great in 1962.—E. C. GERBER (Reprinted from the **Milwaukee Numismatic News**, April, 1961)

CHICAGO'S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Three days, October 13-15, will be given over to this year's Fall Festival of the Chicago Coin Club in the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill. Ben's Stamp and Coin Co. of Chicago will conduct the auction of choice material. The bourse will consist of about a hundred dealers from coast to coast, including most of the largest in the country. A few spaces are still available.

Exhibits will be representative in all classes. Awards will be the new numismatic medals just released by the Medallic Art Company.

"A cordial welcome is extended to all," says Harry X Boosel, General Chairman, 65 E. South Water St., Chicago 2, Ill. "A Hospitality Room is to be set aside for the women where they may slip off their shoes and visit. The local ladies will serve refreshments.

"Five different denomination gold pieces are offered as door prizes; winners need not be present at drawing. Registration fee is only a dollar. So come to Chicago! Eventually, everything and everybody comes to Chicago, Numismatic Crossroads of the World."

Bourse Chairman is Nathan Eglit, 134 N. La Salle St., Chicago. Philip J. More, 1633 Monroe St., Evanston, Ill. is in charge of the exhibits.

HANA'S MIDWEST COIN SHOW

The Heart of America Numismatic Association's Third Annual Midwest Coin Show is set for November 17 through November 19 in Kansas City, Mo. The site is the grand ballroom of the Hotel Muehlbach.

"We are inviting only those dealers whom we feel are the best in the business and recommended by members of our local club," state Co-Chairmen Ralph Bondon, 8801 Ward Pkwy., Kansas City, and Ray O. Lefman, 412 S. Van Brunt, Kansas City. "A few bourse tables are available at this writing at $40.00 which includes one case and registration."

The auction has again been awarded to Don Joslin and Jack Klausen, and will be in two sessions. The finest of material is promised.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The following section of the bylaws will very well cover the announcement for the call for the nomination of CSNS Officers and Governors to be installed at the Milwaukee convention. All Officers and Governors serve a term of two years and all positions require dedicated and responsible men and women. Take care with your choice ! ! ! !

The new Section five reads—Nominations: The President shall in 1961, and every two years thereafter, issue a call for nominations of Officers and Governors in the fall issue of the CENTINEL. All nominations shall be made in writing to the Secretary during the period of November 1 through December 31. Nominations may be made by any individual or club member in good standing of Central States Numismatic Society at the time of submitting the nomination. The Secretary must obtain written acceptance or refusal from all nominees.

As you know, the election is different this time. If you are not familiar with the rules, I suggest that you read the last issue of the CENTINEL for full particulars. All ballots shall be by mail (just as in the A.N.A.) and the results announced during the convention to be held in Milwaukee in 1962.

Your Officers and Governors feel that this is the correct method of holding these elections, and that the entire membership has a say in the balloting. Vote and return your ballot when you receive it in the mail.—RAY O. LEFMAN, CSNS President.

NEWFANGLED MONEY MACHINE

As we celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the coin vending machine, it seems particularly appropriate to announce that on August 23, 1961, Perera Company of New York City began a new phase of selling foreign currencies to individuals traveling abroad. Two electrical push button machines that were put into operation at Idlewild airport are able to convert an American five dollar bill into a desired foreign money in a matter of seconds. Presently dollars are being changed into Belgian, English, French, German and Italian currency packaged in a small paper box containing small denomination banknotes as well as coins for tipping. This foreign exchange house plans on installing similar machines at other airports throughout the country.

PENN-OHIO FALL SHOW

First-time exhibitors at the Penn-Ohio Fall convention will compete for the Nate Gold award, donated by Cleveland Coin Club in Nate's memory. Awards will be made for exhibits expected in six classes at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Cleveland, October 13-15. Michael Kolman, Jr. will conduct a three-session auction of U.S., foreign and ancient coins in various metals and other rare items. A catalog will be sent on request by the Federal Coin Exchange, 5940 Pearl Road, Cleveland 30, Ohio.

An 1863 three dollar gold coin, valued at $175, will go to some lucky registrant Sunday afternoon. A large bourse is assured and there will be four half hour panel discussions on various numismatic topics. A banquet will be the feature of Saturday evening.

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY'S SHOW

General Chairman David L. Cooper and his committee were elated at the overall attendance of some 2,500 at the second annual Coin Festival of Missouri Numismatic Society in the Statler-Hilton Hotel, St. Louis, August 12 and 13. The 50c entrance charge to adults was good for admission both days and for participation in hourly door prize drawings.

Nine competitive exhibits were judged, the following being award winners: first, $50, Mrs. Bernice Stevenson, illuminated display of silver and gold Mexican coins; second, $25, Mrs. Caroline Boehme, complete set of presidential medals with related material; third, $15, Roslyn M. Gorski, well described display of mint errors; fourth, $10, Joseph Rataj, presidential medals with pictorial vignettes.

An eighty lot auction each day was expertly handled and drew a good response. Fifty-three bourse tables were occupied by dealers from seven states and Canada.

Members of Chairman Cooper's committee were: Edward Boehme, Sr., exhibits and door prizes; Harry E. Coulter, bourse; Christian Schlather- publicity; Joseph Rataj, security; James A. Berkel, Charles A. Page and Thomas Elder, auction; Mrs. E. Boehme, Sr., Mrs. Florence Hill and Alfred E. Ebker, registration.

INDIANA SOCIETY'S MEDALLIC SERIES

The Evansville Coin Club has available seventy-five silver and five hundred bronze medals commemorating the third annual Indiana State Numismatic Association convention. The obverse depicts the Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences and the reverse honors the centennial of the Civil War. The South Bend Coin Club plans a similar medal in conjunction with the 1962 ISNA convention using the same reverse but presenting either Notre Dame or the Studebaker plant on the obverse. The fifth annual ISNA convention in Muncie, Ind., will feature the same reverse with Ball State College memorialized on the other side. It is hoped that this theme can be carried out for each Indiana convention of the Civil War years, making an interesting set for collectors. Orders for the Evansville medals (serially numbered silver at $7.50 and oxidized bronze at $1.00) should be directed to the Evansville Coin Club, 1351 Washington Ave., Evansville 14, Ind.

"HEAVY MARKKAA"

Upon the recommendation of the Bank of Finland, the Finnish Government is considering the introduction of a "heavy markkaa" similar to the French "heavy franc." Valuation would be a hundred times the present markkaa. Early 1963 is the probable date of any change.

ILLINOIS COUNTY ISSUES TOKEN

In connection with the early September celebration of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of Will County, Ill. a goldine half dollar size coin was used in Joliet. It bears the anniversary seal on the obverse and its 50c trade and redemption value on the reverse. Collectors may obtain this souvenir by sending 55c for one or $1.60 for each three wanted to Celebration Headquarters, Rialto Theater Bldg., Joliet, Ill.

ESSAY CONTEST IN KANSAS CITY

Last year A.N.A. life members from the Kansas City area sponsored an essay contest. All members of any club in the Greater Kansas City area were eligible and could write about anything of numismatic interest. The results were very gratifying, with the junior collectors being the most active and walking away with top honors.

The contest is held in conjunction with the annual Midwest Coin Show. Early entries indicate another terrific contest. The following men are sponsors: Ray M. Janda, Ray O. Lefman, John Maxim, Ralph Hardman, Harold Eissinger.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN OF 1962 CSNS CONVENTION

General Chairman E. C. Gerber announces that the following comprise the 1962 Convention Executive Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Del Bertschy, James Buchbinder, Lillard W. Culver, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Porter, and the General Chairman.

THE END OF PONY EXPRESS MEDALS

U.S. Mint-struck silver and bronze medals commemorating the termination of the Pony Express may be obtained from the sponsoring organization, National Pony Express Centennial Association, P.O. Box 8052, Foothill Station, Salt Lake City 8, Utah. The 2 1/4" silver piece is limited to a thousand copies and is priced at $30.00; 1 5/16" silver medal, three thousand limit, $4.50 each; 1 5/16" bronze, $1.50 each. Quantity prices for the small bronze are offered. Designs of the medals, called "Termination Medals," are different than those on original medals memorializing the start of the Pony Express last year.

A.N.A. CANDIDATES

Of the eleven CSNS members who were candidates for American Numismatic Association offices in August, six were successful: C. C. Shroyer, former CSNS President, elected A.N.A. President; P. K. Anderson, A.N.A. First Vice President; Lewis M. Reagan, A.N.A. General Secretary; Harold R. Klein, A.N.A. Treasurer; John J. Pittman and Matt H. Rothert, A.N.A. Governors. Unsuccessful in their efforts were Harold Berk, Ray O. Lefman, Leo G. Terry and Ben Stocker for A.N.A. Governors, and Eldridge G. Jones for A.N.A. Treasurer.

ATTENTION !

CSNS dues are payable as of May 1 of each year. Members who have not paid 1961-1962 dues by October 31 will be automatically suspended. We don't want to lose you! Send 'em in now!—DR. F. S. EPPS, Secretary

CSNS BOARD'S INTERIM MEETING

President Ray O. Lefman has called an interim board meeting of CSNS Governors in conjunction with Chicago Coin Club's three day Fall Festival at Chicago's Sherman Hotel, at 10:00 A.M. October 14.

AREA NUMISMATIC ACTIVITIES

Siouxland Coin Collectors Association. First convention, October 6-8, Sheraton-Martin Hotel, Sioux City, Iowa. General Chairman, J. T. Alvey, 2401 Lakeport, Sioux City, Iowa.

Ohio Valley Coin Association. Fall convention, Fort Steuben Hotel, Steubenville, Ohio, October 8. Co-Chairman, Ray E. Campbell and Edmund F. Szypulski. For information write E. F. Szypulski, 1119 Wellesley Ave., Steubenville.

Chicago Coin Club. Annual fall festival, October 13-15, 1961. Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill. General Chairman, Harry X Boosel, second floor, 65 East South Water St., Chicago 1.

Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association. Fourteenth annual convention, October 13-15, 1961, Tulsa Hotel, Tulsa, Okla. W. H. Elliott, President and General Chairman. 1907 E. Thirteenth Pl., Tulsa 4, Okla.

Penn-Ohio Coin Club. Fall convention, October 13-15, 1961. Statler-Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. General Chairman, L. M. Caddy, 15101 Merimeade Dr., Cleveland 11.

Lincoln Coin Club. Second convention. Steelworkers Union Hall, October 21-22, 14024 Fort St., Southgate, Mich. Chairman, Floyd Webb, 947 Harrison, Lincoln Park, Mich.

Dearborn Coin Club show, Youth Center Building, Dearborn, Mich., October 28-29. Chairman, Albert Polder, 15294 Garfield, Allen Park, Mich.

Canton, Ohio, fall show, October 29, American Legion Home, 1439 Cleveland Ave., N.W., Canton. Bourse Chairman, F. L. Watkins, 1207 Nineteenth St., N.W., Canton 9.

Tri-Cities Coin Club. Fall Coin Day, October 29, American Legion Bldg., 1623 Fifteenth St., Moline, Ill. General Chairman, Dick Fry, 2616 Eighteenth Ave., Rock Island, Illinois.

Greater Ozarks Numismatic Association. Fall convention, November 4-5, Goldman Hotel, Fort Smith, Ark: Secretary, D. F. Ludwick, P.O. Box 628, Fort Smith, Ark.

Oak Park Coin Club. Coin show, November 5, Oak Park Arms Hotel, Oak Park, Ill. Chairman, Irving Harris, P.O. Box 167, Oak Park, Ill.

Omaha Coin Club second annual show, November 11-12, 1961, Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel, Omaha, Neb. Bourse Chairman, Leonard Owen, 4502 Parker St., Omaha, Neb.

Heart of America Numismatic Association. Third annual Midwest Coin Show, November 17-19, 1961, Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Mo. Ray O. Lefman, 412 S. Van Brunt Blvd., Kansas City 24, Mo.

Michigan State Numismatic Society. Fall convention, November 24-26, 1961, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich. General Chairman, Earl Schill, 1434 Farmer St., Detroit 26, Michigan.

City of Lakes Coin Club. Second annual Open House, Rumeley Hotel, November 26, La Porte, Ind. Vice President, Earl Snyder, 702 Gary Court, La Porte.

American Numismatic Association and Canadian Numismatic Association conventions (combined). Seventy-first A.N.A. annual convention and Ninth annual C.N.A. convention, August 15-18, 1962, Sheraton Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich. General Chairman, Earl Schill, 1434 Farmer St., Detroit 26, Mich.

MICHIGAN CONVENTION

The sixth annual fall convention of the Michigan State Numismatic Society will be held at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Mich., November 24-26. Detroit Coin Club will be the host. The fall meeting is always a leading numismatic event of the Middle West and the convention committee, under the leadership of General Chairman Earl C. Schill, is working diligently to present an enjoyable convention. Other committee members are: Ben Stocker, Henry R. Burns, George D. Hatie, Edward J. Stanners, Jr., Paul Landry, Pierre Palmentier, Albert J. Polder, Daniel C. Parker, Nedra Gonzales, Marjorie Schilling, Arline Burns and Helen Bernauer.

The auction will be conducted by Tom Ryan of Chicago. Information regarding bourse space can be obtained from the Bourse Chairman, Ben Stocker, 19953 Prest Ave., Detroit 35. Exhibit rules and applications may be secured from the Exhibits Chairman, Henry R. Burns, 15486 Auburn, Detroit 23. Other inquiries should be directed to Earl C. Schill at 1434 Farmer St., Detroit 26.

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1265 Cazel, Eddie C. ..... 1602 Edmond St., St. Joseph, Mo.
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1267 Marckhoff, Fred R. ..... 522 Park St., Elgin, Ill.
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1269 Godsmark, Nell Bly ..... 1531 E. 49th Terrace, Kansas City 10, Mo.
1270 Klempnauer, James H. ..... 1033 Locust, Kansas City, Kan.
1271 Keith, Max, ...c/o Federal Aviation Agency, 4825 Froost Ave., Kansas City 10, Mo.
1273 Smith, Glenn R. ..... 3411 Strong, Kansas City 6, Kan.
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1276 Stivenson, Erwin F. ..... 2606 E. Hinnepin, Apt. 4, Minneapolis, Minn.
1277 Wozniok, Joseph C. ..... 8329 Owens St., Sunland, Cal.
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1297 Sammarco, James D., Jr. ..... 1118 N. 19th, Milwaukee, Wis.
1280 Koester, James ..... 2422 N. 95th, Milwaukee, Wis.
1281 Bergmann, Arnold H. ..... Norwood, Minn.
1282 Zumwalt, Kenneth ..... 3800 S. Pleasant, Independence, Mo.
1283 Saville, Kenneth D. ..... 1668 Chestnut St., Des Plaines, Ill.
1284 Mangan, James T. ..... 3600 W. 96th St., Evergreen Park 42, Ill.
1285 Johnson, Henry A. ..... R 1, Box 65, Borham, Minn.

1286	Lipson, Manuel J.	45 Bromfield St., Boston 8, Mass.
1287	Nyberg, Millie	2110 Emerson Ave., North Minneapolis 11, Minn.
1288	Nyberg, Russell	2110 Emerson Ave., North Minneapolis 11, Minn.
1289	Seifert, Victor C.	Rt. 3, McCune, Kan.
1290	Wollum, Iver C.	Porter, Minn.
1291	Palmer, Robert	Armour, S.D.
1292	Nebraska Numismatic Assn. Elmer G. Nelson, Sec.	Box 674, Grand Island, Neb.
1293	De Muth, Mrs. John A.	1425 Linner Rd., Wayzota, Minn.
1294	Knapp, Wm. A.	310 W. 49th St., Kansas City 12, Mo.
1295	Lincoln Land Coin Club Walter W. McMann, Sec.	2006 S. 11th St., Springfield, Ill.
1296	Bernauer, Helen I.	3727 Second Ave., Detroit, Mich.
1297	Goodstein, Stuart	22918 Bellwood Dr., South, Southfield, Mich.
1298	Abromson, Michar B.	3804 Ewing Ave., South Minneapolis, Minn.
1299	Hendricks, William	General Delivery, Lees Summit, Mo.
1300	Riesen, John W.	5634 W. 64th St., Chicago 38, Ill.
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1302	Murphy, Glenn E.	Box 164, Mason City, Ill.
1303	Shults, Albert A.	2395 Bloomfield St., Melvindale, Mich.
1304	Warren, John M.	5040 6th Ave., Kenosha, Wis.
1305	Leventhal, Edwin	11 Rhodes St., Dorchester, Mass.
1306	Remington, Andrew F.	1332 18th Ave., Windom, Minn.
1307	Milehams, Joseph	529 Broad Pl., Springfield, Ill.
1308	Morris, John	2 S. 11th St., Minneapolis 3, Minn.
1309	Willey, Kenneth L.	1448 Bayard St., St. Paul, Minn.
1310	Knuth, Lola J.	2923 W. 43rd St., Minneapolis 10, Minn.
1311	Cabeen, Richard McP.	1029 N. Dearborn, Chicago 10, Ill.
1312	West, Walter E.	1848 Robert St., Muskegon, Mich.
1313	Grosse Pointe Numismatic Soc. C. Jay Deeds, Sec.-Treas.	851 Pemberton Rd., Grosse Pointe 30, Mich.
1314	Rolfe, Mrs. Carmen	30209 Palmer, Madison Hgts., Mich.
1315	Funke, Master Lorne	3927 Yorkshire, Detroit 24, Mich.
1316	Hoben, Ray	5324 Queen Mary Rd., Montreal 29, Canada
1317	Johnson, Vogel A.	5820 Madison, Lincoln 7, Neb.
1318	Blanchette, Norman	1356 Winnebago Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.
1319	Luker, Mrs. Rose	107 Bellaire Lane, Oshkosh, Wis.
1320	Newman, Arthur L.	11 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N.Y.
1321	Seavy, Thomas B.	4535 Bele St., Kansas City 11, Mo.
1322	Putman, W. Ralph	10811 W. Harvest Lane, Milwaukee 18, Wis.
1323	Draves, John G.	1395 N. 5th Ave., Kankakee, Ill.
1324	Gustavus, Gilbert G.	1518 Cheltenham, Birmingham, Mich.
1325	Pulley, George G.	2418 Washington, Amarillo, Texas
1326	Johnson, Charles M.	3521 Vista St., Long Beach 3, Cal.

RESIGNATIONS

1216	Theurer, W. P.	Winona National Bank, Winona, Minn.
1095	Kuszpit, Alex	150 W. State Fair, Detroit, Mich.
1078	Schaefer, A. C.	208 E. Wisconsin, Milwaukee 2, Wis.
578	Pond, June T.	2 Salisbury St., Winchester, Mass.
1119	Milles, Mrs. Allen P.	5403 W. 72 Terr., Prairie Village, Kan.

RE-INSTATEMENTS

767	Donner, William	68-13 Groton St., Forest Hills 25, N.Y.
494	Huber, L. J.	4709 Columbus Ave., S., Minneapolis 7, Minn.
713	Hickerson, A. W.	1141 E. Broadway, Louisville 4, Ky.
470	Pollack, P. E.	15860 Sorrento, Detroit 27, Mich.

DECEASED

707	Leonard, Harry N.	665 W. Milwaukee, Detroit, Mich.
1145	Wirthman, Frederick G.	422 68th, Kansas City, Mo.
LM-35	Ripstra, J. Henri	2126 Gladys, Chicago 12, Ill.

MEDALS FOR RAYBURN, KAYE PROPOSED

Gold medals, to be struck by the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, for Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and Comedian Danny Kaye have been proposed in the U.S. Congress. Resolutions are in appropriate committees for study and report.

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